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INDO-IRAN GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Indo-Iran gas pipeline project;

(b) whether there has been any breakthrough in speeding up the project of Indo-Iran gas pipeline deal;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the hurdles being faced to implement this project successfully;

(e) the total expenditure incurred on this project so far; and

(f) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): India is pursuing the import of natural gas from Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project. Various important issues, viz., pricing of gas, delivery point of gas, project structure, payment of transportation tariff and transit fees for passage of natural gas through Pakistan, etc., are under discussion amongst the participating countries.

(d): Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and to avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the project.

(e): GAIL(India) Ltd. and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., the PSUs involved with the project,have spent approximately Rs.4.71 crore in connection with pre project activities.

(f): Work on the Project can commence only after satisfactory resolution of issues under discussion amongst the participating countries. As such, completion schedule of the Project can not be laid down at this stage.